

WHERE IS THE PROVINCE DRIFTING

Sir:—I have been one of the many electors who have been sitting back and quietly watching events. I have been interested to see how Hon. Mr. Bell and his Government measure up their pre-election promises.

I do not propose to enter into a political controversy in this letter. I simply want to shortly review some of the activities of the late Government and point out how the present Government allowed these to die. I will here enumerate a few.

1. The Pension Office for returned men.
2. The Rena McLean Convalescent Home.
3. The Employment Bureau.
4. The Dalton Sanitarium.
5. The Mud Digging Plant.
6. The Agricultural Halls of Charlottetown and Summerside.
7. Telephone and Telegraph improvements.

Previous to the opening of the Pension Office in Charlottetown returned men were put to a great inconvenience through having to deal with Halifax. The late Government succeeded in getting an office opened in Charlottetown. Over one thousand claims were investigated through that office. The late Government took absolutely no interest in this or the Labor Bureau and if I am correctly informed neglected to answer letters from Headquarters with reference to these. The Dominion Government seeing that the local Government had no further interest in keeping these offices open, closed them out to the great detriment of the returned men and this notwithstanding the glowing pre-election promises of Mr. Bell and his followers.

The Rena McLean Hospital was fitted out at a great expense and whilst active was of great benefit to our boys but being a war activity of their predecessor, the present Government permitted it to be closed. Government House should have been restored and handed over to the Governor. It is now, or part of it is, being used for the instruction of about 25 farmers. The night school cannot be said to

be for men from the Country. I am, as most citizens are, in favor of Agricultural instruction, but an institution carried on in Charlottetown means that only a few farmers have the means of sending their boys there. It costs as much to send a boy from the country to be instructed in Charlottetown as it would to send him to Truro where the College is up to date and has all the necessary staff, stock and appliances for the full course. The money of the Province being spent in Charlottetown would go a long way towards bursing several times the number of young men in attendance at the Agricultural School in Charlottetown.

The Agricultural Halls at Charlottetown and Summerside carried on beneficial work for the farmers. Agricultural representatives were in each county at the disposal of the farmers. There is not at present a single one and both these institutions which could be made to accomplish a great work are closed.

Many thousands of tons of musel mud are lifted by the dredge at St. Peter's and spread over the lands of the Province. This valuable plant has been scrapped and allowed to go to decay. If there was not sufficient mud at St. Peter's why could not the dredge have been sent to Richmond Bay or Alberton. By the way what became of Mr. Bell's pet scheme to build a railway on the lee in Richmond Bay to haul mud in winter?

Through the efforts of the late Government our telegraph and telephone service was vastly improved. Night letter rates were obtained. A cable was laid between Cape Bear and the Mainland connecting us by phone with Nova Scotia. A four core cable was put down between Point Borden and New Brunswick, giving additional telegraph service and connecting us with New Brunswick by phone. The Land Telegraph Lines which were in a dilapidated condition were rebuilt, and every telephone pay office was made a telegraph office, for the sending and receiving of telegraph messages. There were difficulties existing between the Rural Lines and the Telephone Company and the

The Changed Position of Women

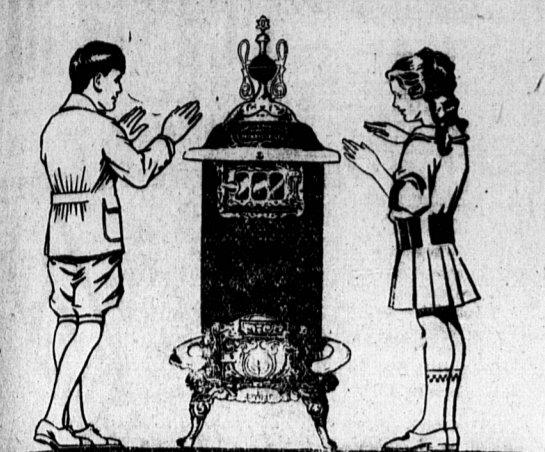
(The following brilliant essay is from the pen of Miss Gladys McCormack, daughter of Mr. G. J. McCormack, and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Brown, of this city. Miss McCormack, though only eighteen years of age, has already distinguished herself along literary lines, winning the Haney Medal here two years ago with her essay of "Thrift." She is now taking a post graduate course in English and Music at Mount St. Vincent Academy.)

In the Middle Ages, the industrial work of women was confined to assisting father or husband in the home. Women helped their fathers or husbands. The only woman permitted to conduct a trade was a widow who might continue her husband's business by hiring a paid workman. Woman was man's drudge. Later, "Good Queen Bess," with no pity for her sex, enacted that unmarried women between twelve and forty years might be assigned by the magistrates to service at such wages as the magistrates should determine. If she refused, she was sent to prison; and the prisons were in no inviting condition. The women might be made bondslaves to anyone against both their own wish and the will of their parents or guardians. Still later, woman was made to furnish the cheap labor of the world. She was placed in competition not only with her own sex and men, but also with newly invented machinery. Men found that more money could be saved by hiring woman's service in the factories than by buying the expensive machinery.

Why is it that woman was looked down on? Man regarded her as his inferior because she was less strong in body than he. For ages, it was deemed preposterous to give any education to woman. But the superiority of this century is revealed in the positions and opportunities it has given to her. The estimate of human worth is no longer guided by physical standards.

Oh, for the days of '78 when the people rose in their might and hurled from power a similar aggression. Is the same spirit not abroad? Are we still thinking men or have we lost all interest in our fair little Province? Will the great Liberal party, who in good faith elected Mr. Bell and his followers lie down and permit men to carry on who betrayed their confidence, who have gone back on all Liberal principles and ideals? If they do, then they are not the Liberals of former days, who then dared to do and who were fearless enough to tell the government in power to resign and make way for better men. Not till this is done can the great Liberal Party of this Province cleanse itself from the crime of having elected to power Mr. Bell and his abject followers.

I am Sir etc
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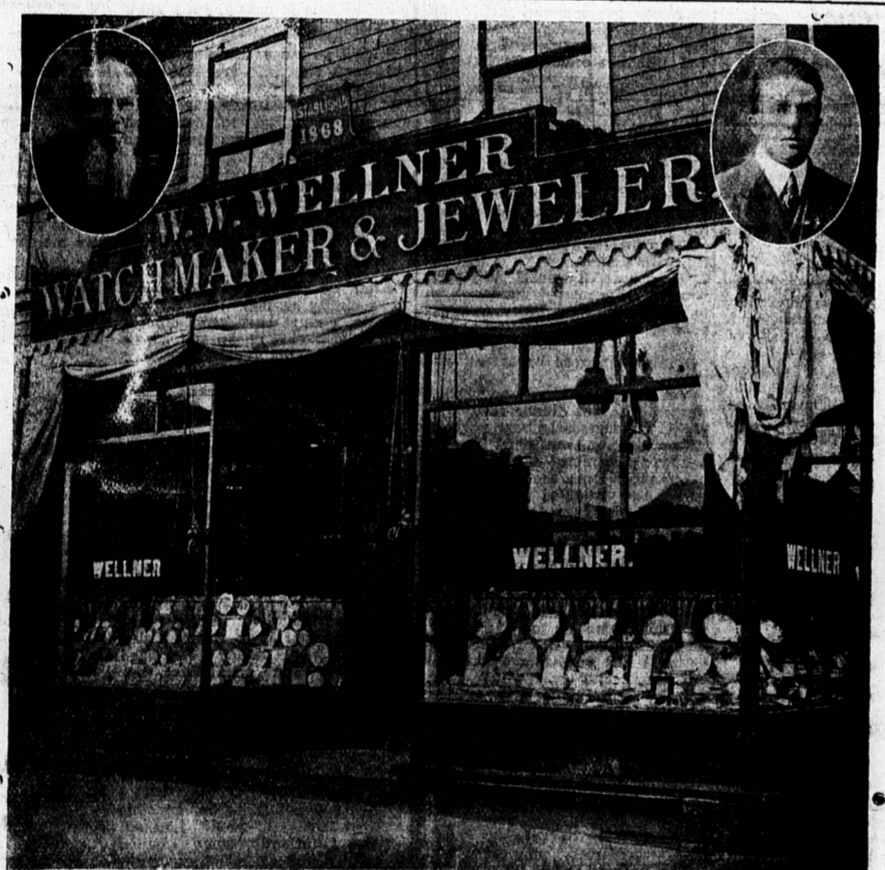
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